CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 5, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmember Mike Cordero, Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Code Compliance Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing January 18 through 24, 2021, as Respect for Life Week in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation will be mailed to Jon Lindgren, President of Right to Life of the Central Coast.

B. Incoming Chief of Police Marc Schneider was introduced, and a video of his Oath of Office and Badge Pinning was viewed.

Chief Schneider gave a brief update of activities in the City.

Mayor Patino and City Manager Stilwell followed up with a brief update on Coronavirus statistics in the City.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Waterfield abstained from voting on Item 3B (Minutes from the previous meeting) as she was not in attendance. She also commented on Item 3E (Cooperative Agreement with SBCAG for the 101/135 interchange project) saying she was in support of the item and encouraged the City to complete the project as soon as possible given how fast Santa Maria's population is growing.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3E (except 3B) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-01. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Consent Calendar Item 3B (Minutes) was approved as presented. The recorded vote appears with this item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 15, 2020.

Action: Minutes were approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Soto.

C. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Adopt a Resolution to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) for reimbursement of Measure A North County Subregion Program funding for the Highway 101/135 Interchange Project.

Action: SBCAG Cooperative Agreement for Highway 101/135 Interchange Project.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.** The City Council considered a Resolution overruling objections to the abatement of weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt on an additional parcel added to the Weed Abatement Program pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code. Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Beth Sweetwater asked if the property was an empty lot and if weed abatement involved pesticides. City Attorney Watson confirmed that it was an empty lot and only manual labor is used to clean up the property.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Action: Adopt a Resolution overruling objections to the abatement of weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt on an additional parcel added to the Weed Abatement Program pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.** The City Council entertained a nomination by the Mayor for the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Action: Councilmember Waterfield appointed as Mayor Pro Tem for calendar year 2021.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.** The City Council confirmed appointments to outside boards/committees requiring City Council representation.

The following outside board/committee assignments were approved:
Air Pollution Control District: Patino/Waterfield
Breeze Policy Committees: Cordero
Central Coast Water Authority: Waterfield
Community Action Commission (CommUnify): Cordero
Downtown Revitalization Committee: Soto/Waterfield
Home for Good: Waterfield/Cordero
SB County Association of Governments: Patino/Waterfield
SM Airport/Council Informational: Soto/Escobedo
Schools Quarterly Roundtable: Patino/Escobedo
Central Coast Community Energy (C3E): Patino

Action: Outside Board/Committee recommended appointments were approved.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. **ORDINANCE REGULATING SIDEWALK VENDORS.** The City Council considered an Ordinance regulating sidewalk vendors in the City. City Attorney Watson gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Written comments against the Ordinance were received from Rebecca Garcia, Maria Garcia, Rosie Ojeda, Patricia Altamirano, Ysenia Pulido, Paz Valencia, and Griselda Vega.

Janet Rios, Oscar Velasco-Vargas, Lizbet Lopez, Johnny Magana, Ysenia Pulido, Angel Lopez, and Yesenia Beas spoke against the Ordinance.

Glenn Morris spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Beth Sweetwater asked that the item be tabled for further public input, particularly from the vendors.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, adding Chapter 4-20 to Title 4 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code regulating sidewalk vendors.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be January 19, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the annual January appointments to City Boards/Commissions and an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Centennial Gardens housing project.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmembers Cordero, Escobedo, Soto, and Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 activities.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the SBCAG monthly Board Meeting; APCD Board of Directors Meeting; and a couple of Rotary meetings.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. in memory of Al Bohl, a former City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks employee.

Approved at a regular meeting on January 19, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

2/1/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria